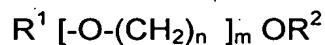


IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of

- (i) immersing at least a portion of said article in a dyeing bath that contains a carrier and a tinctorial amount of at least one dye, said bath maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C and
- (ii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into said article, and
- (iii) removing said article from said bath,

wherein molded article comprise at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and wherein said carrier conforms to

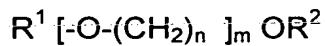


wherein R^2 denotes butyl, R^1 denotes H, n is 2 or 3, and m is 2-35.

2. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1 wherein the bath further contains an emulsifier selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of C_{14} - C_{18} ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxy polyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated.

3. (Previously Presented) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of

(i) immersing at least a portion of said article in a dyeing bath that contains a carrier and a tinctorial amount of at least one disperse dye, said bath maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C, and
(ii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into said article, and
(iii) removing said article from said bath,
wherein molded article comprise at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and wherein said carrier conforms to



wherein R^2 denotes butyl, R^1 denotes H, n is 2 or 3, and m is 2-35.

4. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 3 wherein the bath further contains an emulsifier selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of C_{14} - C_{18} ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxy polyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein dye is a water-insoluble dye selected from the group consisting of azo, diphenylamine and anthraquinone compounds.

8-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises metal flakes.

13. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises metal flakes.

14. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises titanium dioxide.

15. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises titanium dioxide.

16. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises crosslinked polymethylmethacrylate minispheres.

17. (Previously Presented) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises crosslinked polymethylmethacrylate minispheres.

18. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the resin is aromatic polycarbonate.

19. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the resin is allyldiglycol carbonate.

20-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 22 25 wherein said dye is a disperse dye.

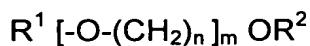
24. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 22 25 wherein R² is butyl and R¹ is H.

25. (New) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of:

- (i) preparing a dyeing bath comprising the following sequential steps,
 - (a) mixing at least one dye with a carrier and optionally an emulsifier to form a dye-carrier mixture, and
 - (b) adding water to said dye-carrier mixture to form said dyeing bath comprising,
 - 94 to 96 percent by weight of water,
 - 1 to 2 percent by weight of said carrier,
 - a tinctorial amount of said dye, and
 - optionally 3 to 4 percent by weight of said emulsifier, said emulsifier being selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of C₁₄-C₁₈ ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxy polyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated, the percents by weight being based on the weight of said dyeing bath;
- (ii) immersing at least a portion of said molded article in said dyeing bath, said dyeing bath being maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C;
- (iii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into the bulk of said molded article; and
- (iv) removing said molded article from said bath,

wherein said molded article comprises at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and

further wherein said carrier is represented by the following formula,



wherein R² and R¹ independently denote H or C₁₋₁₈ alkyl, benzyl, benzoyl or phenyl

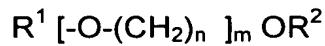
radical, n is 2 or 3 and m is 2-35.

26. (New) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of:

- (i) preparing a dyeing bath comprising the following sequential steps,
 - (a) mixing at least one dye with a carrier to form a dye-carrier mixture, and
 - (b) adding water to said dye-carrier mixture to form said dyeing bath comprising said carrier and a tinctorial amount of said dye;
- (ii) immersing at least a portion of said article in said dyeing bath, said dyeing bath being maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C;
- (iii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into said article; and
- (iv) removing said article from said bath,

wherein said molded article comprises at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and

further wherein said carrier is represented by the following formula,



wherein and R² is butyl, R¹ is H, n is 2 or 3 and m is 2-35.